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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP, US

SUBJECT: RADIO LIBERTY

REF: MADRID 1552

1. BIB ASKED THAT WE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE.
ROBERTS WILL ACCOMPANY ABSHIRE. MICKELSON EXPECTS TO
ARRIVE A COUPLE OF DAYS EARLIER FOR MEETING WITH DENNIS.

2. ABSHIRE WILL ARRIVE MADRID MARCH 17 A.M. AND WOULD
APPRECIATE APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MARCH 18 OR 19.
BIB AND RFE/RL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS
IN LIFTING THE MARCH 23 DEADLINE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION,
ABSHIRE HOPES TO PERSUADE FOREIGN MINISTER TO
NEGOTIATE ANOTHER CONTRACT BECAUSE MERE EXTENSION WILL
FACE US WITH NECESSITY TO FIND AND DEVELOP ALTERNATE
SITE.

3. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT FINDING ALTERNATE SITE IS
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BY NO MEANS ASSURED SINCE FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD ARE

FEASIBLE FROM PROPAGATIONAL AND POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW. MOREOVER, EVEN IF MAJOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION WERE FORTHCOMING, WHICH ALSO NOT ASSURED, TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION WOULD TAKE AT LEAST

THREE AND PERHAPS FIVE YEARS. IF SPANISH GOVERNMENT UNWILLING TO SIGN ANOTHER CONTRACT AND WOULD LIMIT EXTENSION PERIOD, RL WOULD LOSE ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET JAMMING, SINCE IT DEPENDS ON PALS TRANSMITTERS FOR 72 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL POWER AND MORE THAN 90 PER CENT FOR CRUCIAL EUROPEAN RUSSIAN AREAS.

4. EXPECTED CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN DEVELOPING. HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS IN ITS REPORT ON BIB AUTHORIZATION DECLARES: QUOTE THE COMMITTEE IS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS THAT SPAIN MAY NOT RENEW AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE USE OF TRANSMITTING FACILITIES FOR RL IN THAT COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES IS APPRECIATIVE OF SPAIN'S PAST WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW USE OF ITS FACILITIES FOR BROADCASTS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN VIEW OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT AND OF THE RECENT TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THE COMMITTEE IS HOPEFUL SPAIN WILL CONTINUE TO ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE USE OF THE RL FACILITIES AS PART OF A COMMON EFFORT OF THE WEST TO INSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION DENIED THEM BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE.

5. SIMILAR CONCERN EXPECTED TO BE EXPRESSED AFTER SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ON BIB LEGISLATION THURSDAY.
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